

I am writing to express my concerns on the proposed PO Box service changes by the Post Office. I am the owner of a small private mail box and parcel center for the last 13 years that offers different kind of services including private mail boxes rental. I have serious concerns about the negative impact that the following post office new mail box rental enhancements will create on my business,

1. Offering Post Office Box renters the use of the Post Office street address for Post Office Box addressing.
2. Removing the PO Box designation when using a street address.
3. Offering Post Office Box renters email notification of mail delivery
4. Offering Post Office Box renters the use of the “#” designation in lieu of a “P.O. Box” designation. The use of POB should be substituted for the # sign. Letting the PO Box customer use a designation that is currently used by CMRA locations can only lead to confusion and mistakes sorting mails.
5. Offering Post Office Box renters the ability to receive packages from private carriers.

This is fundamentally unfair competition. I don't like being in a significant competitive disadvantage by a government institution that has unlimited advertising budgets. There is no other enterprise in this society that one competitor can regulate the other. It is impossible to compete with a government agency.

Stores like mine, whether independent or franchise, are privately owned and it is the only source of our income. Some of us have business loans secured by our homes. Small businesses like us don't have the luxury of running deficits. Our advertisement budget must be funded from our own store revenue and it is not much.

I respectfully request that the commission forced the Post Office to stop the offering of PO Box enhancement as soon as possible. The free enterprise is the heart and soul of our economy. It should not be destroyed.

Thank you for taking time to read my comments.

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